



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Tuesday - April 9, 2002

- ***In the West***, isolated showers are aiding dryland winter grains across the ***interior Northwest***. Meanwhile in ***southern California and the Southwest***, warm, dry weather favors fieldwork, including cotton planting, although pastures and dryland crops continue to suffer from a lack of moisture.
- ***On the Plains***, mild, dry weather is returning, following recent, beneficial showers from ***Kansas southward***. The ***Plains'*** drought-stressed winter wheat crop will need timely rainfall during the next several weeks to prevent further deterioration.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, cool, wet weather continues to slow winter wheat development in the ***lower Great Lakes region***, but mild air is overspreading the remainder of the region.
- ***In the South***, scattered showers are spreading into the ***southern Atlantic region***, maintaining generally favorable topsoil moisture levels for pastures, winter grains, and spring-sown crops. Meanwhile, mild, dry weather is allowing a limited resumption of fieldwork from the ***Delta westward***, following recent heavy showers.

Outlook: Near- to above-normal temperatures will prevail throughout the U.S. for the remainder of the week. Rain is forecast to diminish across the ***East*** by mid-week, although showers may linger in the ***Southeast***. Meanwhile, showery weather will continue to overspread the ***northern Plains and Northwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for April 14-18 calls for above-normal temperatures nationwide, except in the ***Northwest***, where cool, wet weather is forecast. A wet weather pattern is also likely from ***Texas to the Corn Belt***, including portions of the ***central and southern Plains***. In contrast, mostly dry weather is expected across ***southern Florida and the Southwest***.

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